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SUBJECT: U.S. CORRESPONDENTS: REACTION TO SLANDER
CONVICTION

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WE HAVE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO VIEWS CONTAINED
REFTEL. WE SHARE YOUR DEEP CONCERN, BUT WISH TO WORK
OUR WAY THROUGH THIS SITUATION WITH GREAT CARE, AS
EVIDENCED BY JULY 19 ACTION HERE WITH SOVIET EMBASSY
ON TASS SANFRANCISCO. WE DO NOT PLAN FURTHER STEPS HERE
UNTIL THE NEXT SOVIET MOVE IS CLEAR. WE HAVE BEEN IN
CLOSE TOUCH WITH BOTH THE NYT AND THE BALTIMORE SUN.
BOTH PAPERS PREFER NO FURTHER ACTION BY US AT THIS TIME.
WE HAVE UNDER EXAMINATION VARIOUS POSSIBLE RESPONSES,
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INCLUDING THOSE CITED REFTTEL, WHICH MIGHT BE INVOKED
IF SOVIETS SHOULD MOVE TO REVOKE CREDENTIALS OF U.S.
NEWSMEN, TO APPLY PRESSURE OR TO THREATEN PUNITIVE ACTION.
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